came up to him and said: "Sire, keep out of the firing, I promise you in the name of the grenadiers, that you need not fight otherwise than as a spectator, for we will bring you the standards and the guns of the Russian army to celebrate the anniversary of your coronation." When the Emperor returned to his own bivouac, a straw shanty without a roof that the grenadiers had built for him, he said: "This is the most glorious night of my life; but I regret that so many of these brave fellows will be lost. They really are my children."

2d, Austerlitz:

As the sun rose the plateau of Pratzen could be distinguished, and the enemy moving down from it, like a torrent rushing to the plain.

How long will it take you to occupy the plateau of Pratzen?

(Soult: Less than twenty minutes.)

If that is so, we will wait fifteen minutes more.

Prince Murat, Marshals Lannes and Soult start off at a gallop. Each marshal rejoined his corps. The Emperor said, as he passed along the front of several regiments: "Soldiers, we must finish this campaign with a thunderbolt that will shatter the pride of our enemies." At once the shakos were hoisted on the men's bayonets, and acclamations of *Vive VEmpereur* were the real signal for opening the battle,

3d. Well done, soldiers! In the battle of Austerlitz you have accomplished all I expected of your valour; you have crowned your eagles with immortal glory. An army of 100,000 men commanded by the Emperors of Russia and of Austria has been dispersed or captured in less than